based on 70:30 funding pattern between the Central and the State Government

No further concrete proposal for pollution abatement in lakes under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) has been received from the Government of Rajasthan. In response to this Ministry's letter to all the State Governments to prioritise lakes of their State, some basic information regarding eight lakes of Rajasthan *viz.* Anna Sagar and Pushkar (Ajmer), Fateh Sagar, Pichola, Swaroop Sagar and Jaisamand (Udaipur), Jai Sagar (Kota) and Nakki Lake (Mount Abu) had been received earlier from the State Government. Later, the State Government had requested for placement of funds for preparation of the detailed project reports only for three lakes of Rajasthan *viz.* Pichola, Swaroop Sagar and Fateh Sagar of Udaipur. As per the guidelines of the NLCP, the types of works/activities that can be taken up under this Plan include prevention of pollution from point sources by intercepting, diverting the pollution, *insitu* measures of lake cleaning such as desilting, deweeding, bioremediation etc. The State Government in response to the above proposal was, therefore, requested to clarify the position regarding the activities proposed to be covered under the NLCP. 30% cost of the project as State share and full operation and maintenance cost are some of the others commitments which were also required to be given by the State Government. The above clarifications from the State Government are awaited as yet.

Smuggling of natural herb 'The Fungus'

1879. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a natural herb 'The Fungus' smuggled by organized network from Uttaranchal forests to neighbouring countries like China and Nepal;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any preventive measures around Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve near Pindari Glacier in Uttaranchal; and

(c) whether Government are also thinking to utilize the potential of these natural herbs as a medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Government are not aware of any organized network involved in smuggling of the natural herb

The Fungus' in Uttaranchal forests even though the villagers are known to traditionally collect the herb for their personal use.

(b) The Government of Uttaranchal has initiated long and short term measures for protection of this Fungus which is used in preparation of some herbal medicine. The measures include long range patrolling in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve and Pindari Glaciers.

(c) Presently there are no plans for utilizing this natural resource as a medicine at the level of the Government.

Coastal Zone Management Plan for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai

1880. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage of approval and clearance the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, stands at present, with respect to various issues under consideration and correspondence since 1998, with Maharashtra Government;

(b) the cost escalation suffered by various projects;

(c) whether the high tide combined with heavy rains and floods this season has added gravity to the need for well planned Coastal Zone Management System; and

(d) if so, what special steps are being taken to put the CZMP in place expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Central Government had approved the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) of Maharashtra on 27th September, 1996 with certain conditions and modifications which included the stretches of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The Government of Maharashtra had submitted the revised CZMP of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai in November, 1998. Keeping in view the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone, Notification, 1991 as amended from time to time the Central Government approved the revised CZMP of Mumbai on 19th January, 2000. The revised CZMP of Navi Mumbai, however, was not approved since it was not in accordance with the said notification.